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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 4/1/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 6-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 6-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 12-28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to applicant's amendment and response filed April 1, 2004, in which claims 1-2,4,6-28 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-2,4,6-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Arai (U.S. patent No. 5,517,551).

As to claim 1, Arai discloses a private branch exchange (101) system (figure 1) comprising: a plurality of mobile stations (109 to 114) each having a plurality of extension numbers and a plurality of different line keys (external line 1) (311 of figure 4) and physically present thereon (column 2, lines 31-46, column 4, lines 11-24 and figure 1, 4 and 5A-C, 7-8). Arai discloses a base station (fixed units) wirelessly connected to the plurality of mobile stations (109-114), (figure 1). Arai discloses an exchange station (102) for performing call control of the plurality of mobile stations through the base station (column 2, lines 31-46 and figures 1, 11)

As to claim 2, Arai discloses at least one of said plurality of extension numbers set for the plurality of mobile stations is a unique extension number for

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each of the plurality mobile stations (column 6, lines 15-25).

As to claim 4, Arai discloses all limitations as explained in claim 1, further more, Arai discloses the plurality of mobile stations has the same extension number as that of one predetermined other mobile stations (column 6, lines 15-25).

As to claim 6, Arai discloses a plurality of mobile stations (109 to 114) each having a plurality of extension numbers (external lines 1-n) and each extension number having a different line key (118) set for said plurality of extension numbers respectively (column 2, lines 31-46, column 4, lines 11-24 and figure 1, 4 and 5A-C, 7-8).

As to claims 7-11, Arai discloses the plurality of mobile stations each have line buttons for setting the plurality of lines (316) (depressing speech button (S751) (figures 5A-C, 6 and 13).

As to claims 10-11, Arai discloses the plurality of mobile stations each have line buttons for setting the plurality of lines (316) (depressing speech button (S751) (figures 5A-C, 6 and 13).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 12-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art does teach the call control section performs call

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control of the plurality of mobile sections based on the direction sent from the line state control section. This limitation in conjunction with all limitations of the independent claims, have not been disclosed, taught, or made obvious over the prior art of record.

Response to Argument

5. Applicant's arguments filed 4/1/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

On page 11, fifth paragraph applicant's response, argued that Arai does not teach mobile units.

The examiner disagrees. Arai teaches mobile units 109-114) (see figure 1). Further more, Arai teaches also a PBX (102) with wired extension telephones (103-105) under control of main control unit (102) (figure 1).

On page 12, first paragraph of response , applicant argued that the line keys 12 are not to be confused with display 15.

The examiner disagrees. The line keys as per specification page 7, lines 19-21, line keys 12 for setting a telephone line for each extension number possessed by mobile stations (10a to 10c).

This teaching is an analogous to teaching of Arai (column 3, lines 17-20 and figure 4).

Applicant's arguments do not comply with 37 CFR 1.111(c) because they do not clearly point out the patentable novelty which he or she thinks the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the

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objections made. Further, they do not show how the amendments avoid such references or objections.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Suzuki et al (5,978,667) discloses PBX and plurality of extensions and mobile stations and private and public extension are interfacing to each other mechanism (figure 1).

Schumacher et al (5,841,854) discloses plurality of extension numbers and mobile stations are interfacing to each other (figure 1).

Mitsuo discloses PBX including extension numbers and mobile stations are interfacing each other , (abstract and figure 1).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tilahun B Gesesse whose telephone number is 703-308-5873. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 703-308-7745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

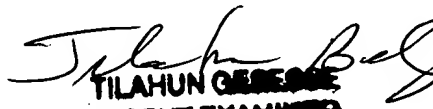
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